

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): An optical apparatus to be used for digital still cameras for setting any one of a plurality of lenses in a picture taking (image capturing) position, comprising:

5 (a) a lens turret rotatable around an axis and having plurality of lenses mounted theron;

 (b) a driving mechanism to rotate the lens turret so that one of the lenses can be set at the picture taking position; and

10 (c) an element a means to adjust and extend the back focal length of a the lens with shorter focal length that is ~~so shaped like a column or square column or the like~~ and ~~as to be~~ suitable for being inserted between the rearmost lens element and the image sensor, and is made of a material ~~glass, plastic or the like~~ that has higher refraction index than that of air.

2. (Currently amended): An optical apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the driving mechanism means of driving to rotate the lens turret can be operated manually using gear teeth provided on the rim of lens turret disk, a rack, or a rack and pinion, and the rack can be moved by sliding from side to side manually.

3. (Currently amended): An optical apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the driving mechanism means of driving to rotate the lens turret can be operated by a motor using a worm and gear teeth provided on the rim of lens turret disk ~~and fixed on the axle of the motor~~.

4. (New): An optical apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the element is shaped like a column.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-4 to note that the Figures are representations of prior art structure. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-6, replace the original sheets 1-2 including Figs. 1-6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes